DO YOU KNOW?
Honors artists recognized
SPPS Honors Art Exhibit
Opening: May 17, 6-7:30 p.m.
Indigenous Roots Cultural Arts Center
788 East 7th St • Saint Paul

Serving up talent
Students create pop-up dinner menu at downtown restaurant

Over the past ten weeks, twelve Creative Arts students have worked hard to distance themselves from the label “starving artists.” Literally.

STAGE (from a French term meaning “apprentice”) is a program in partnership with Saint Dinette that welcomed a team of young chefs from Creative Arts for a 12-week culinary exploration structured to build their creative and career skills. Students are mentored by artistic, culinary, and business leaders and gain hands-on experience with food planning and presentation, business development and management.

Mai Chue Thao, Avery Heeringa, Robyn Nelson, Latrell Owens, Deanna Kinkle, Kurt Thomas, Cheng Vang, Yeng Xiong, Hasan Kue, Alex Contreras, Mikayla Cheer, and Domo Edwards are the 12 student chefs who are participating in the program. Over the past two months, they have spent their Monday afternoons (and occasional Saturday mornings) learning about nutrition and ingredients, developing their cooking skills with professional downtown chefs, and getting table-side communication tips regarding the guest experience at a restaurant.

On May 21 our young chefs will be taking over at Saint Dinette, when they will prepare and serve a six-course tasting menu of their own design as well as execute all aspects of table-side service. Tickets are $75 per person and must be purchased in advance. They can be purchased online: https://dojour.us/e/7523-stage-pop-up-dinner

Please join us for an evening that celebrates and showcases the fruits of their labor and exploration, as well as supports an incredible school-business partnership that benefits our Creative Arts Secondary School students and community.

Students work along side professional chefs learning to prepare a roasted beet salad in the kitchen at St. Dinette, recently voted one of the best restaurants in Saint Paul by Mpls.St.Paul Magazine. Students also learned about presentation, a final product below.
Showing appreciation and thanks

From the Principal
by Dr. Carlondrea Hines

The week of May 7th through 11th is Teacher Appreciation Week! I would like to thank each one of the CASS teaching staff for all that they do for our students on a daily basis. Thank you for putting in extra hours so our students can apply knowledge both in and out of the classroom. Thank you for caring for each student. Thank you for all that you do. I appreciate you!

Parent(s) and Guardian(s), please take a minute to send your student’s teachers a little note of appreciation this week.

The 2017-18 school year is slowly coming to a close. The month of May is full of celebrations of the year and preparation for next school year. We are excited to welcome our rising students and families to CASS.

Thank you for supporting your student during MCA testing. I understand how stressful standardized tests can be on a student. It is important that the students understand that their MCA score is just one data point. End of quarter grades are another data point that is analyzed to determine student achievement. Encourage your student to finish strong in their classes.

As a reminder, the science MCA test will be administered this week. We will run our regular daily schedule because the test only impacts 8th graders and high school students taking Biology.

Lastly, to all of my high school students taking the AP Exam this month, the best to you all! I know you will do great!

Parent Advisory Council meeting: May 8
Lend your voice to the conversation and give input into goings-on at Creative Arts!

Highlights from the spring musical

SENIOR EVENTS

ValleyFair
May 31 • Permission slips and $30 cash payment to Mr. Caleb Chisholm by May 25.

Senior Check-Out Day
Friday, June 1st, 2018
Starts at 8:25 AM

Graduation Rehearsal
Tuesday, June 5th, 11 AM at University of St. Catherine, O’Shaughnessy Auditorium

Graduation Ceremony
Tuesday, June 6th, 5 PM at University of St. Catherine, O’Shaughnessy Auditorium.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Creative Arts’ production of Bring it On: The Musical for three strong performances April 27-28. Students played leadership roles both on stage and behind the scenes! Thanks to teachers, staff, and parent support that made it all possible!
**Rotary Awards**

Five students were selected for the Rotation Forward Award. This award is for students who have gone the extra mile, overcome an obstacle, have shown significant improvement in an area, or contribute to our school community.

Zakianna Johnson was selected because she has overcome many obstacles. She advocates for herself and even has a summer job lined up. Zaki shows strong leadership in school, was active with Black History Month, and actively participates in dance.

Mariatu was selected because of her contributions to the Creative Arts Community. She participates in choir, Student Council, Performance Night, Hmong New Year, Black History Month and Bring It On.

CJ Jarmon was selected because Creative Arts staff have seen significant improvements in attitude, effort, and achievement. He has a strong moral compass and stands up for others. He encourages and challenges others to learn more. CJ has great athletic ability that is also a joy to work with. Keep it up!

Erica Webb participated in Black History Month and Student Council this year. Her performances with dance bring smiles to our faces. She is definitely a positive leader in our school.

Yulissa Hernandez is receiving this award because she has shown significant improvement in attitude, effort and achievement, while overcoming obstacles. She has persevered this year, and she works each day to improve. A lot of adults would give up and she keep moving forward. All Rotation Forward Award winners will be honored at a luncheon on May 22 at the Intercontinental Hotel at 11 E. Kellogg Blvd. Included in your recognition is your name in the St. Paul Pioneer Press, your name on a plaque, and a gift card to Target stores.
Happy Spring, Creative Arts Families!

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If you would like to join the PAC and serve in any capacity, we would love to have your voice at the table especially as we start to plan for next year.

PAC MEETING

May 8, 2018 is our last PAC meeting of the 17-18 school year! Come join us as we review and revise our Family-School Compact, Family Engagement Plan, and School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP)

Contact Ms. Vang for more information.

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CASS Students lead equity partnership work

In November 2017, high schools were invited to apply for a unique opportunity provided by the Office of Equity that would allow one of Saint Paul’s high schools to partner with a suburban high school to engage in an integrated learning environment.

Students will be introduced to racial equity tools that will allow them to build their voice to identify and address issues in their school and/or community.

In December, Creative Arts was selected and began a year long partnership with Forest Lake Area High School. Students met three times this year to engage in racial equity youth development focused on the following goals:

1. Provide an integrated learning environment
2. Increase student racial and cultural fluency, competency, and interaction
3. Develop a positive self-racial and cultural identity
4. Provide a platform for students to identify and address issues in their school and/or community

In February, CASS students trekked north on a wintry day to Forest Lake for their second meeting and spent the day at their high school.

The last meeting between two student groups took place on Friday, April 27th at Creative Arts. Thanks to Lisa Thao and the Office of Equity for the awesome experience that included many arts-embedded activities led by community artists with the Irreducible Grace Foundation.

Lend your voice to important school conversations

Family Engagement
by Ms. Lee Vang
lee.vang@spps.org

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**Lots of Student Performances in May!**

Check the calendar above!
Congratulations to Creative Arts’ third quarter Honor Roll students

**‘A’ Honor Roll**

Adhikari, Utkrista V  
Balang, Grace M  
Becker, Ezekiel J  
Bird, Alexa E  
Cannon, Elizabeth A  
Christiansen, Serenity M  
Davitch, Max E  
Duong, Mary  
Ellis, Domenica D  
Fulín, Rebecca J  
Gadea Domínguez, Charles  
Goodman, Kaiah C  
Hannemann, Moriah A  
Heeringa, Avery  
Herrera, Carla J  
Hser, Paw Kao  
Jarvi, Emily L  
Kampmeyer, Sophie G  
Kong, Nancy  
Kur, Sher Shu  
Lender, Rachel E  
McClintock, Nazaria J  
McMillan, Breneaje C  
Nguyen, Havy T  
Nowaczewski, Emilia G  
Olson, James C  
Pavlíček, Kieran M  
Taylor, Trey R  
Thao, Nang  
Vang, Cheng  
Vang, Amy  
Vang, Ger  
Vang, Kalia

**‘B’ Honor Roll**

Adail, Andrea  
Admas, Nane M  
Arphul, Chanel T  
Bakare, Abdul-Fawaz O  
Barans, Julia R  
Bell, Marquis L  
Booher, Lavontre A  
Brocklé-Mosley, Emma L  
Chang, Mikaela R  
Daniel, Joler S  
Daniels, Mayalynn N  
DiMare, Emma  
Dunston, Donatája A  
Edwards, Dominique  
Egan, Rana S  
Eh, Wah W  
Florez-Caraballo, Deja R  
Freed, Zora M  
Ganser, Frances G  
García, Jovany  
Giblin, Lily M  
Herrera, Ashley J  
Hill, Kenneth D  
Jefferson, Nevaeh M  
Jenkel, Michá S  
Kamara, Michaela  
Kong, Unity T  
Kronholm-Quick, Lillian J  
Lay, Shalay  
Lee, Alexís K  
Lee, Erik T  
Leeth, Nevaeha L  
Lindsey, Lazaya  
Lo, Arianna N  
Love-Sheppard, Marquía D  
Martínez Villa, Alisson D  
McCall, Kyah F  
Moo, Hser T  
Moo, Richer  
Moua, Christopher C  
Nelson, Alyssa R  
Nowaczewski, Anna E  
Oliver, K’von R  
Orellana, Ada L  
Peterson, Lyric E  
Prom, Celia K  
Proulx, Sophia G  
Rivera, Gregory  
Rodríguez, Maritza  
Rogers-Campbell, Miracle L  
Servellón, Brian  
Sisneros, Savina C  
Sturdivant, Rissa R  
Thao, Jue  
Thao, Mai Chue  
Thao, Xue  
Vang, Chang  
Vang, Mai Le  
Vang, Pei  
Vang, Vanessa D  
Vang, Vince T  
Vang, Yee  
Viniegra-Uscanga, Andrea  
Williams, Sandra A  
Wilson, De’Jah J  
Wilson, Diamond  
Win, Nyun  
Xiong, Mai G  
Xiong, Yeng  
Yang, Gloria M  
Yang, Khong Kow  
Yang, Nou C  
Yang, Pa Jar  
Yang, Palee  
Zimmerschied, Bruce V  
Zimmerschied, Lyllie

Students recognized for exemplifying “A.R.T.S.” during the month of April

Congratulations to the following students nominated by teachers and staff at school to be Students of the Month for May, based on behavior we observed during April.

**6th Grade**  
Janiya Ferrell  
Jeremiah Puree  
Kristi Pradhan

**7th Grade**  
Brandon Santamaria-Huiz  
Shae Dukes  
Tiana Carter  
Micole Andrews  
Kieran Pavlica

**8th Grade**  
Nou Yang  
Paul Yang  
Anthony Xiong  
Hee Kor  
Estys Evans  
Yadelis (Jazzy) Olivo Velez

**9th Grade**  
Utkrista Adhikari  
Andrea Adail  
Maykayla Cheer

**10th Grade**  
Kalisa Yang  
Emily Patrick  
Ger Yang  
Skye Anderson  
Xue Thao  
Robyn Nelson  
Mai Ger Xiong

**12th Grade**  
Eddie Sanchez  
Xue Thao  
Robyn Nelson  
Mai Ger Xiong

Thank you for being a part of our Creative Arts Community!